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AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE INSURERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) As used in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act:
- 3 (1) "Affiliated company" means any company in the same corporate 4 system as a parent, an industrial insured, or a member organization by 5 virtue of common ownership, control, operation or management.
- 6 (2) "Association" means any legal association of individuals, 7 corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, associations or 8 other entities that has been in continuous existence for at least one 9 year, where the association itself or some or all of the member 10 organizations:
- 11 (A) Own, control or hold with power to vote all of the outstanding 12 voting securities of an association captive insurance company 13 incorporated as a stock insurer;
- 14 (B) Have complete voting control over an association captive 15 insurance company incorporated as a mutual insurer; or

- 16 (C) Constitute all of the subscribers of an association captive 17 insurance company formed as a reciprocal insurer.
- 18 (3) "Association captive insurance company" means any company 19 that insures risks of the member organizations of the association and 20 their affiliated companies.
 - (4) "Branch captive insurance company" means a pure captive insurance company with respect to operations in this state, unless otherwise permitted by the commissioner.
 - (5) "Captive insurance company" means any pure captive insurance company, association captive insurance company, sponsored captive insurance company, industrial insured captive insurance company or risk retention group formed or licensed under the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act.
- 29 (6) "Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner.
- 30 (7) "Controlled unaffiliated business" means any company:
- 31 (A) That is not in the corporate system of a parent and affiliated 32 companies;
- 33 (B) That has an existing contractual relationship with a parent or 34 affiliated company; and
- 35 (C) Whose risks are insured by a pure captive insurance company in accordance with section 18 of this act.
- 37 (8) "Excess workers' compensation insurance" means, in the case of 38 an employer that has insured or self-insured its workers' compensation 39 risks in accordance with applicable state or federal law, insurance in 40 excess of a specified per-incident or aggregate limit established by the 41 commissioner.
- 42 (9) "Industrial insured" means an insured:

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- (A) Who procures the insurance of any risk or risks by use of the services of a full-time employee acting as an insurance manager or buyer;
- 46 (B) Whose aggregate annual premiums for insurance on all risks 47 total at least twenty-five thousand dollars; and
- 48 (C) Who has at least twenty-five full-time employees.
- (10) "Industrial insured captive insurance company" means any company that insures risks of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies.
- 52 (11) "Industrial insured group" means any group of industrial insureds that collectively:
- (A) Own, control or hold with power to vote all of the outstanding voting securities of an industrial insured captive insurance company incorporated as a stock insurer;
- 57 (B) Have complete voting control over an industrial insured captive 58 insurance company incorporated as a mutual insurer; or
- 59 (C) Constitute all of the subscribers of an industrial insured captive 60 insurance company formed as a reciprocal insurer.
- 61 (12) "Member organization" means any individual, corporation, 62 limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity that 63 belongs to an association.
- 64 (13) "Mutual corporation" means a corporation organized without 65 stockholders and includes a nonprofit corporation with members.
- 66 (14) "Parent" means a corporation, limited liability company, 67 partnership, other entity or individual, that directly or indirectly owns, 68 controls or holds with power to vote more than fifty per cent of the 69 outstanding voting:

- 70 (A) Securities of a pure captive insurance company organized as a stock corporation; or
- 72 (B) Membership interests of a pure captive insurance company 73 organized as a nonprofit corporation.
- 74 (15) "Pure captive insurance company" means any company that 75 insures risks of its parent and affiliated companies or controlled 76 unaffiliated business.
- 77 (16) "Risk retention group" means a captive insurance company 78 organized under the laws of this state pursuant to the federal Liability 79 Risk Retention Act of 1986, 15 USC 3901 et seq., as amended from time 80 to time, as a stock or mutual corporation, a reciprocal or other limited 81 liability entity.
 - Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Any captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of association, charter or other organizational document, may apply to the Insurance Commissioner for a license to do the business of life insurance, annuities, health insurance, as defined in section 38a-469 of the general statutes, and commercial risk insurance, as defined in section 38a-663 of the general statutes, provided:
- (1) No pure captive insurance company may insure any risks other than those of its parent and affiliated companies or controlled unaffiliated business;
- 92 (2) No association captive insurance company may insure any risks 93 other than those of the member organizations of its association, and 94 their affiliated companies;
 - (3) No industrial insured captive insurance company may insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group, and their affiliated companies;
- 98 (4) No risk retention group may insure any risks other than those of

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- 99 its members and owners;
- 100 (5) No captive insurance company may provide private passenger 101 motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage or any component 102 thereof;
- 103 (6) No captive insurance company may accept or cede reinsurance 104 except as provided in section 11 of this act;
- 105 (7) No captive insurer may provide workers' compensation 106 insurance, except that any captive insurance company may provide 107 excess workers' compensation insurance to its parent and affiliated 108 companies, unless prohibited by federal law or the laws of the state 109 having jurisdiction over the transaction. Any captive insurance 110 company, unless prohibited by federal law, may reinsure workers' 111 compensation of a qualified self-insured plan of its parent and 112 affiliated companies; and
- 113 (8) Any captive insurance company which provides life insurance, 114 annuities or health insurance shall comply with all applicable state and 115 federal laws.
- 116 (b) No captive insurance company shall do any insurance business 117 in this state unless:
- 118 (1) It first obtains from the Insurance Commissioner a license 119 authorizing it to do insurance business in this state;
- (2) Its board of directors or committee of managers or, in the case of a reciprocal insurer, its subscribers' advisory committee holds at least one meeting each year in this state;
- 123 (3) It maintains its principal place of business in this state; and
- 124 (4) It appoints a registered agent to accept service of process and to 125 otherwise act on its behalf in this state. Whenever such registered 126 agent cannot with reasonable diligence be found at the registered

- office of the captive insurance company, the insurance commissioner
- shall be an agent of such captive insurance company upon whom any
- 129 process, notice or demand may be served.

after the adoption of such change.

- (c) (1) To be considered for a license, a captive insurance company shall:
- (A) File with the commissioner a certified copy of its organizational documents, a statement under oath of its president and secretary showing its financial condition, and any other statements or documents required by the commissioner; and
- 136 (B) Submit to the commissioner for approval a description of the 137 coverages, deductibles, coverage limits and rates and such additional 138 information as the commissioner may require. In the event of any 139 subsequent material change in any item in such description, the 140 captive insurance company shall submit to the commissioner for 141 approval an appropriate revision and shall not offer any additional 142 kinds of insurance until a revision of such description is approved by 143 the commissioner. The captive insurance company shall inform the 144 commissioner of any material change in rates not later than thirty days
- 146 (2) Each applicant captive insurance company shall also file with the 147 commissioner evidence of the following:
- (A) The amount and liquidity of the company's assets relative to the risks to be assumed;
- 150 (B) The adequacy of the expertise, experience, and character of the persons who will manage the company;
- 152 (C) The overall soundness of the company's plan of operation;
- 153 (D) The adequacy of the loss prevention programs of the company's 154 insureds; and

- 155 (E) Such other factors deemed relevant by the commissioner in 156 ascertaining whether the proposed captive insurance company will be 157 able to meet its policy obligations.
- 158 (3) Information submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be and 159 remain confidential and may not be made public by the commissioner 160 or an employee or agent of the commissioner without the written 161 consent of the company, except that:
- (A) Such information may be discoverable by a party in a civil action or contested case to which the captive insurance company that submitted such information is a party upon a showing by the party seeking to discover such information that:
- 166 (i) The information sought is relevant to and necessary for the 167 furtherance of such action or case;
- 168 (ii) The information sought is unavailable from other 169 nonconfidential sources; and
- (iii) A subpoena issued by a judicial or administrative officer of competent jurisdiction has been submitted to the commissioner, provided such submission requirement shall not apply to a risk retention group; and
- 174 (B) The commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, 175 disclose such information to a public official having jurisdiction over 176 the regulation of insurance in another state, provided:
- 177 (i) Such public official agrees, in writing, to maintain the 178 confidentiality of such information; and
- (ii) The laws of the state in which such public official serves require such information to be and to remain confidential.
- 181 (d) (1) Each captive insurance company shall pay to the 182 commissioner a nonrefundable fee of two hundred dollars for

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- 183 examining, investigating and processing its application for license, and
- the commissioner may retain legal, financial and examination services
- 185 from outside the department, the reasonable cost of which may be
- charged against the applicant. The provisions of subdivisions (2) to (5),
- inclusive, of subsection (k) of section 38a-14 of the general statutes
- shall apply to examinations, investigations and processing conducted
- 189 under this section.
- 190 (2) Each captive insurance company shall pay a license fee for the
- 191 year of registration and a renewal fee for each year thereafter as set
- 192 forth in section 38a-11 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- 193 (e) If the commissioner finds that the documents and statements
- 194 that such captive insurance company has filed comply with the
- 195 provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, the commissioner
- may grant a license authorizing the company to do insurance business
- in this state until April first thereafter. The captive insurance company
- may apply to renew such license on such forms as the commissioner
- 199 prescribes.
- Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) No captive insurance
- 201 company shall adopt a name that is the same, deceptively similar or
- likely to be confused with or mistaken for any other existing business
- 203 name registered in this state.
- Sec. 4. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) (a) The Insurance
- 205 Commissioner may not issue a license to a captive insurance company
- or allow the company to retain a license unless the company has and
- 207 maintains unimpaired paid-in capital and surplus of:
- 208 (1) In the case of a pure captive insurance company, not less than
- 209 two hundred fifty thousand dollars;
- 210 (2) In the case of an association captive insurance company, not less
- 211 than seven hundred fifty thousand dollars;
- 212 (3) In the case of an industrial insured captive insurance company,

- 213 not less than five hundred thousand dollars;
- 214 (4) In the case of a risk retention group, not less than one million 215 dollars; and
- 216 (5) In the case of a sponsored captive insurance company, not less than five hundred thousand dollars.
- (b) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish additional capital and surplus requirements based upon the type, volume and nature of insurance business transacted.
- (c) Capital and surplus may be in the form of cash or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank chartered by this state or a member bank of the Federal Reserve System and approved by the commissioner.
- 226 Sec. 5. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) No captive insurance 227 company may pay a dividend out of, or other distribution with respect 228 to, capital or surplus without the prior approval of the Insurance 229 Commissioner. Approval of an ongoing plan for the payment of 230 dividends or other distributions shall be conditioned on the retention, 231 at the time of each payment, of capital or surplus in excess of amounts 232 specified by, or determined in accordance with formulas approved by, 233 the commissioner.
- Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) A pure captive insurance company may be incorporated as a stock insurer with its capital divided into shares and held by the stockholders, as a nonprofit corporation with one or more members, or as a manager-managed limited liability company.
- (b) An association captive insurance company, an industrial insured
 captive insurance company, or a risk retention group may be:
- 241 (1) Incorporated as a stock insurer with its capital divided into

- shares and held by the stockholders;
- (2) Incorporated as a mutual insurer without capital stock, the governing body of which is elected by its insureds;
- 245 (3) Organized as a reciprocal insurer; or
- 246 (4) Organized as a manager-managed limited liability company.
- (c) A captive insurance company incorporated or organized in this state shall have not less than three incorporators or three organizers of whom not less than one shall be a resident of this state.
- (d) In the case of a captive insurance company:
- (1) (A) Formed as a corporation, before the articles of incorporation are transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the incorporators shall petition the Insurance Commissioner to issue a certificate setting forth the commissioner's finding that the establishment and maintenance of the proposed corporation will promote the general good of the state. In arriving at such a finding the commissioner shall consider:
- (i) The character, reputation, financial standing and purposes of the incorporators;
- 259 (ii) The character, reputation, financial responsibility, insurance 260 experience and business qualifications of the officers and directors; 261 and
- 262 (iii) Such other aspects as the commissioner deems advisable.
- 263 (B) The articles of incorporation, such certificate and the organization fee shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the State who shall record both the articles of incorporation and the certificate.
 - (2) Formed as a reciprocal insurer, the organizers shall petition the commissioner to issue a certificate setting forth the commissioner's finding that the establishment and maintenance of the proposed

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- 269 association will promote the general good of the state. In arriving at 270 such a finding the commissioner shall consider the items set forth in 271 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
 - (3) Formed as a limited liability company, before the articles of organization are transmitted to the Secretary of the State, the organizers shall petition the commissioner to issue a certificate setting forth the commissioner's finding that the establishment and maintenance of the proposed company will promote the general good of the state. In arriving at such a finding, the commissioner shall consider the items set forth in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- 280 (e) The capital stock of a captive insurance company incorporated as a stock insurer may be authorized with no par value.
- 282 (f) In the case of a captive insurance company:
- 283 (1) Formed as a corporation, at least one of the members of the 284 board of directors shall be a resident of this state;
- 285 (2) Formed as a reciprocal insurer, at least one of the members of the 286 subscribers' advisory committee shall be a resident of this state;
- 287 (3) Formed as a limited liability company, at least one of the 288 managers shall be a resident of this state.
 - (g) Other than captive insurance companies formed as limited liability companies or as nonprofit corporations, captive insurance companies formed as corporations under the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act shall have the privileges and be subject to the provisions of title 33 of the general statutes as well as the applicable provisions in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act. In the event of conflict between the provisions of title 33 of the general statutes and sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act shall control.

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- (h) Captive insurance companies formed under the provisions of this chapter:
 - (1) As limited liability companies shall have the privileges and be subject to the provisions of chapter 613 of the general statutes and applicable provisions in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of chapter 613 of the general statutes and sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act shall control; or
 - (2) As nonprofit corporations shall have the privileges and be subject to the applicable provisions of title 33 of the general statutes and applicable provisions in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act. In the event of conflict between the provisions of title 33 of the general statutes and sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act shall control.
 - (i) The provisions of chapter 698 of the general statutes pertaining to mergers, consolidations, conversions, mutualizations, redomestications and mutual holding companies shall apply in determining the procedures to be followed by captive insurance companies in carrying out any of the transactions described in said chapter 698.
 - (j) Captive insurance companies formed as reciprocal insurers under the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act shall have the privileges and be subject to the provisions of title 38a of the general statutes in addition to the applicable provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act and title 38a of the general statutes, the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act shall control.
 - (k) The articles of incorporation or bylaws of a captive insurance company formed as a corporation may authorize a quorum of its board of directors to consist of no fewer than one-third of the fixed or

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- (l) The subscribers' agreement or other organizing document of a captive insurance company formed as a reciprocal insurer may authorize a quorum of its subscribers' advisory committee to consist of no fewer than one-third of the number of its members.
- Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Captive insurance companies shall not be required to make any annual report except as provided in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act.
 - (b) Prior to March first of each year, each captive insurance company shall submit to the Insurance Commissioner a report of its financial condition verified by oath of two of its executive officers. Each captive insurance company shall report using generally accepted accounting principles, unless the commissioner approves the use of statutory accounting principles, with any appropriate or necessary modifications or adaptations required or approved or accepted by the commissioner for the type of insurance and kinds of insurers to be reported upon, and as supplemented by additional information required by the commissioner. Except as otherwise provided, each association captive insurance company and each risk retention group shall file its report in the form required by sections 38a-53 and 38a-53a of the general statutes. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish the manner in which pure captive insurance companies and industrial insured captive insurance companies shall report. The provisions of subsection (b) of section 38a-69a of the general statutes shall apply to each report filed pursuant to this section.
 - (c) Any pure captive insurance company or industrial insured captive insurance company may make written application to the commissioner for approval to file the required report at the end of the fiscal year. If the commissioner grants approval for such alternative reporting date:

- 360 (1) The annual report shall be due sixty days after the end of the fiscal year; and
 - (2) In order to provide sufficient detail to support the premium tax return, the pure captive insurance company or industrial insured captive insurance company shall file prior to March first of each year for each calendar year-end, such information as the commissioner may prescribe verified by oath of two of its executive officers.
 - Sec. 8. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) (a) At least once every three years, and whenever the Insurance Commissioner determines it to be prudent, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall visit each captive insurance company and thoroughly inspect and examine its affairs to ascertain its financial condition, its ability to fulfill its obligations and whether it has complied with the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act and any applicable provisions of title 38a of the general statutes. The commissioner may extend said three-year period to five years, provided the captive insurance company is subject to a comprehensive annual audit during such period of a scope satisfactory to the commissioner by independent auditors approved by the commissioner. The expenses and charges of the examination shall be paid to the commissioner for deposit into the Insurance Fund by the company examined.
 - (b) The provisions of subsection (k) of section 38a-14 of the general statutes shall apply to examinations conducted under this section.
 - (c) All examination reports, preliminary examination reports or results, working papers, recorded information, documents and copies thereof produced by, obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination made under this section are confidential and are not subject to subpoena and may not be made public by the commissioner or an employee or agent of the commissioner without the written consent of the company, except to the extent provided in this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the commissioner from using such information in furtherance

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- 392 of the commissioner's regulatory authority under sections 1 to 18, 393 inclusive, of this act or title 38a of the general statutes. The 394 commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, grant access to 395 such information to public officials having jurisdiction over the 396 regulation of insurance in any other state or country, or to law 397 enforcement officers of this state or any other state or agency of the 398 federal government at any time, provided such officials or officers 399 receiving the information agree, in writing, to hold it in a manner 400 consistent with this section.
- Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) The license of a captive insurance company may be suspended or revoked by the Insurance Commissioner for any of the following reasons:
 - (1) Insolvency or impairment of capital or surplus;
- 405 (2) Failure to meet the requirements of section 4 of this act;
- 406 (3) Refusal or failure to submit an annual report, as required by 407 section 7 of this act or any other report or statement required by law or 408 by lawful order of the commissioner;
- 409 (4) Failure to comply with the provisions of its own charter, bylaws 410 or other organizational document;
- (5) Failure to submit to or pay the cost of examination or any legal obligation related to such examination as required by any provision of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act or title 38a of the general statutes;
- 414 (6) Use of methods that, although not otherwise specifically 415 prohibited by law, nevertheless render its operation detrimental or its 416 condition unsound with respect to the public or to its policyholders; or
- 417 (7) Failure otherwise to comply with the laws of this state.
- (b) If the commissioner finds, after examination, hearing or other evidence, that any captive insurance company has violated any

- provision of subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner may suspend or revoke such company's license if the commissioner deems it in the best interest of the public and the policyholders of such captive insurance company, notwithstanding any other provision of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act or title 38a of the general statutes.
- Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Association captive insurance companies and risk retention groups shall comply with the investment requirements in chapter 698 of the general statutes, as applicable. Notwithstanding any other provision of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, the commissioner may approve the use of alternative reliable methods of valuation and rating.
- (b) No pure captive insurance company or industrial insured captive insurance company shall be subject to any restrictions on allowable investments, except that the Insurance Commissioner may prohibit or limit any investment that threatens the solvency or liquidity of any such company.
 - (c) No pure captive insurance company may make a loan to or an investment in its parent company or affiliates without prior written approval of the commissioner, and any such loan or investment shall be evidenced by documentation approved by the commissioner. Loans of minimum capital and surplus funds required in section 4 of this act are prohibited.
- Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Any captive insurance company may provide reinsurance on risks ceded by any other insurer.
 - (b) Any captive insurance company may take credit for the reinsurance of risks or portions of risks ceded to reinsurers that complies with the provisions of section 38a-85 or 38a-86 of the general statutes. Prior approval of the Insurance Commissioner shall be required for ceding or taking credit for the reinsurance of risks or portions of risks ceded to reinsurers not complying with section 38a-85

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- or 38a-86 of the general statutes, except for business written by an alien captive insurance company outside of the United States.
- 453 (c) In addition to reinsurance authorized under the provisions of 454 sections 38a-85 and 38a-86 of the general statutes, a captive insurance 455 company may take credit for the reinsurance of risks or portions of 456 risks ceded to a pool, exchange or association acting as a reinsurer 457 which has been authorized by the commissioner. The commissioner 458 may require any other documents, financial information or other 459 evidence that such a pool, exchange or association will be able to 460 provide adequate security for its financial obligations. The 461 commissioner may deny authorization or impose any limitations on 462 the activities of a reinsurance pool, exchange or association that, in the 463 commissioner's judgment, are necessary and proper to provide 464 adequate security for the ceding captive insurance company and for 465 the protection and consequent benefit of the public at large.
- (d) For purposes of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, insurance by a captive insurance company of any workers' compensation qualified self-insured plan of its parent and affiliates shall be deemed to be reinsurance.
- Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) No captive insurance company shall be required to join a rating organization.
- Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) No captive insurance company may join or contribute financially to any plan, pool, association or guaranty or insolvency fund in this state, nor shall any such captive insurance company, or any insured or affiliate thereof, receive any benefit from any such plan, pool, association or guaranty or insolvency fund for claims arising out of the operations of such captive insurance company.
 - Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) Each captive insurance company shall pay to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, in the month of February of each year, a tax at the rate of thirty-eight

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hundredths of one per cent on the first twenty million dollars and two hundred eighty-five thousandths of one per cent on the next twenty million dollars and nineteen hundredths of one per cent on the next twenty million dollars and seventy-two thousandths of one per cent on each dollar thereafter on the direct premiums collected or contracted for on policies or contracts of insurance written by the captive insurance company during the year ending December thirty-first next preceding, after deducting from the direct premiums subject to the tax the amounts paid to policyholders as return premiums which shall include dividends on unabsorbed premiums or premium deposits returned or credited to policyholders, except that no tax shall be due or payable as to considerations received for annuity contracts.

(b) Each captive insurance company shall pay to the Commissioner of Revenue Services in the month of February of each year a tax at the rate of two hundred fourteen thousandths of one per cent on the first twenty million dollars of assumed reinsurance premium, and one hundred forty-three thousandths of one per cent on the next twenty million dollars and forty-eight thousandths of one per cent on the next twenty million dollars and twenty-four thousandths of one per cent of each dollar thereafter, except that no reinsurance tax shall apply to premiums for risks or portions of risks which are subject to taxation on a direct basis pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. No reinsurance premium tax shall be payable in connection with the receipt of assets in exchange for the assumption of loss reserves and other liabilities of another insurer under common ownership and control if (1) such transaction is part of a plan to discontinue the operations of such other insurer, and (2) the intent of the parties to such transaction is to renew or maintain such business with the captive insurance company.

(c) The annual minimum aggregate tax to be paid by a captive insurance company calculated under subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall be seven thousand five hundred dollars, and the annual maximum aggregate tax shall be two hundred thousand dollars. The maximum aggregate tax to be paid by a sponsored insurance company

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- shall apply to each protected cell only and not to the sponsored captive insurance company as a whole.
- (d) A captive insurance company failing to file returns as required in this section or failing to pay within the time required all taxes assessed by this section shall be subject to penalty under section 12-229 of the general statutes.
- (e) Two or more captive insurance companies under common ownership and control shall be taxed as though they were a single captive insurance company.
- (f) For the purposes of this section common ownership and control means:
 - (1) In the case of stock corporations, the direct or indirect ownership of eighty per cent or more of the outstanding voting stock of two or more corporations by the same shareholder or shareholders; and
 - (2) In the case of mutual or nonprofit corporations, the direct or indirect ownership of eighty per cent or more of the surplus and the voting power of two or more corporations by the same member or members.
 - (g) The tax provided for in this section shall constitute all taxes collectible under the laws of this state from any captive insurance company, and no other occupation tax or other taxes shall be levied or collected from any captive insurance company by the state or any county, city or municipality within this state, except taxes on real and personal property used in the production of income.
 - (h) The premium tax revenues collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the General Fund, except that annually, ten per cent of the revenues shall be transferred to the Insurance Fund established in section 38a-52a of the general statutes for the purpose of regulating captive insurance companies under sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act.

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- (i) The tax provided for in this section shall be calculated on an annual basis, notwithstanding policies or contracts of insurance or contracts of reinsurance issued on a multiyear basis. In the case of multiyear policies or contracts, the premium shall be prorated for purposes of determining the tax under this section.
- Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) No provisions of title 38a of the general statutes, other than those contained in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, shall apply to captive insurance companies. Risk retention groups shall have the privileges and be subject to the provisions of chapter 698c of the general statutes in addition to the applicable provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act.
 - Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Except as otherwise provided in sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act, the terms and conditions set forth in title 38a of the general statutes pertaining to insurance liquidations and receiverships shall apply in full to captive insurance companies formed or licensed under sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act.
 - Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) An association captive insurance company, risk retention group or industrial insured captive insurance company formed as a stock or mutual corporation may be converted to or merged with and into a reciprocal insurer in accordance with a plan for such conversion or merger and the provisions of this section.
 - (b) Any plan for such conversion or merger shall provide a fair and equitable plan for purchasing, retiring or otherwise extinguishing the interests of the stockholders and policyholders of a stock insurer, and the members and policyholders of a mutual insurer, including a fair and equitable provision for the rights and remedies of dissenting stockholders, members or policyholders.
 - (c) In the case of a conversion authorized under subsection (a) of this section:

- (1) Such conversion shall be accomplished under such reasonable plan and procedure as may be approved by the commissioner, except that the Insurance Commissioner shall not approve any such plan of conversion unless such plan:
- (A) Satisfies the provisions of subsection (b) of this section;
- (B) Provides for a hearing, of which notice is given or to be given to the captive insurance company, its directors, officers and policyholders, and in the case of a stock insurer, its stockholders, and in the case of a mutual insurer, its members, all of which persons shall be entitled to attend and appear at such hearing, except that if notice of a hearing is given and no director, officer, policyholder, member or stockholder requests a hearing, the commissioner may cancel such hearing;
- (C) Provides a fair and equitable plan for the conversion of stockholder, member or policyholder interests into subscriber interests in the resulting reciprocal insurer, substantially proportionate to the corresponding interests in the stock or mutual insurer, except that this requirement shall not preclude the resulting reciprocal insurer from applying underwriting criteria that could affect ongoing ownership interests; and
 - (D) Is approved:

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- (i) In the case of a stock insurer, by a majority of the shares entitled to vote represented in person or by proxy at a duly called regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present; and
- (ii) In the case of a mutual insurer, by a majority of the voting interests of policyholders represented in person or by proxy at a duly called regular or special meeting thereof at which a quorum is present;
- (2) The commissioner shall approve such plan of conversion if the commissioner finds that the conversion will promote the general good of the state in conformity with those standards set forth in subdivision

- 606 (2) of subsection (d) of section 6 of this act;
- (3) If the commissioner approves the plan, the commissioner shall amend the converting insurer's certificate of authority to reflect conversion to a reciprocal insurer and issue such amended certificate of authority to the company's attorney-in-fact;
- 611 (4) The conversion shall be effective upon the issuance of an 612 amended certificate of authority of a reciprocal insurer by the 613 commissioner; and
- 614 (5) Upon the effectiveness of such conversion the corporate 615 existence of the converting insurer shall cease and the resulting 616 reciprocal insurer shall notify the Secretary of the State of such 617 conversion.
- (d) A merger authorized under subsection (a) of this section shall be accomplished substantially in accordance with the procedures set forth in chapter 698 of the general statutes, except that, solely for purposes of such merger:
- 622 (1) The plan of merger shall satisfy the provisions of subsection (b) 623 of this section;
- 624 (2) The subscribers' advisory committee of a reciprocal insurer shall 625 be equivalent to the board of directors of a stock or mutual insurance 626 company;
- (3) The subscribers of a reciprocal insurer shall be the equivalent of the policyholders of a mutual insurance company;
- (4) If a subscribers' advisory committee does not have a president or secretary, the officers of such committee having substantially equivalent duties shall be deemed the president or secretary of such committee;
- (5) The commissioner shall approve the articles of merger if the

- commissioner finds that the merger will promote the general good of the state in conformity with those standards set forth in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 6 of this act. If the commissioner approves the articles of merger, the commissioner shall endorse the commissioner's approval thereon and the surviving insurer shall present the articles of merger to the Secretary of the State at the Secretary of the State's office;
 - (6) Notwithstanding section 4 of this act, the commissioner may permit the formation, without surplus, of a captive insurance company organized as a reciprocal insurer, into which an existing captive insurance company may be merged for the purpose of facilitating a transaction under this section, except that there shall be no more than one authorized insurance company surviving such merger; and
 - (7) An alien insurer may be a party to a merger authorized under subsection (a) of this section, except that the requirements for a merger between a domestic and a foreign insurer under chapter 698 of the general statutes shall apply to a merger between a domestic and an alien insurer under this subsection. Such alien insurer shall be treated as a foreign insurer under chapter 698 of the general statutes and such other jurisdictions shall be the equivalent of a state for purposes of chapter 698 of the general statutes.
 - (e) A conversion or merger under this section shall have the effects of conversion or merger set forth in chapter 698 of the general statutes to the extent such effects are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, of this act.
 - Sec. 18. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2005) The Insurance Commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish standards to ensure that a parent or affiliated company is able to exercise control of the risk management function of any controlled unaffiliated business to be insured by the pure captive insurance company, except that until such regulations are approved, the commissioner may approve the coverage of such risks

by a pure captive insurance company.

- Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 38a-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* October 1, 2005):
- 670 (a) The commissioner shall demand and receive the following fees: 671 (1) For the annual fee for each license issued to a domestic insurance 672 company, one hundred dollars; (2) for receiving and filing annual 673 reports of domestic insurance companies, twenty-five dollars; (3) for 674 filing all documents prerequisite to the issuance of a license to an 675 insurance company, one hundred seventy-five dollars, except that the 676 fee for such filings by any health care center, as defined in section 38a-677 175, shall be one thousand one hundred dollars; (4) for filing any 678 additional paper required by law, fifteen dollars; (5) for each certificate 679 of valuation, organization, reciprocity or compliance, twenty dollars; 680 (6) for each certified copy of a license to a company, twenty dollars; (7) 681 for each certified copy of a report or certificate of condition of a 682 company to be filed in any other state, twenty dollars; (8) for 683 amending a certificate of authority, one hundred dollars; (9) for each 684 license issued to a rating organization, one hundred dollars. In 685 addition, insurance companies shall pay any fees imposed under 686 section 12-211; (10) a filing fee of twenty-five dollars for each initial 687 application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-769; (11) with 688 respect to insurance agents' appointments: (A) A filing fee of twenty-689 five dollars for each request for any agent appointment; (B) a fee of 690 forty dollars for each appointment issued to an agent of a domestic 691 insurance company or for each appointment continued; and (C) a fee 692 of twenty dollars for each appointment issued to an agent of any other 693 insurance company or for each appointment continued, except that no 694 fee shall be payable for an appointment issued to an agent of an 695 insurance company domiciled in a state or foreign country which does 696 not require any fee for an appointment issued to an agent of a 697 Connecticut insurance company; (12) with respect to insurance 698 producers: (A) An examination fee of seven dollars for each

examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of seven dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; (B) a fee of forty dollars for each license issued; and (C) a fee of forty dollars for each license renewed; (13) with respect to public adjusters: (A) An examination fee of seven dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of seven dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; and (B) a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars for each license issued or renewed; (14) with respect to casualty adjusters: (A) An examination fee of ten dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; (B) a fee of forty dollars for each license issued or renewed; and (C) the expense of any examination administered outside the state shall be the responsibility of the entity making the request and such entity shall pay to the commissioner one hundred dollars for such examination and the actual traveling expenses of the examination administrator to administer such examination; (15) with respect to motor vehicle physical damage appraisers: (A) An examination fee of forty dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of forty dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; (B) a fee of forty dollars for each license issued or renewed; and (C) the expense of any examination administered outside the state shall be the responsibility of the entity making the request and such entity shall pay to the commissioner one hundred dollars for such examination and the actual traveling expenses of the examination administrator to administer such examination; (16) with respect to certified insurance consultants: (A) An examination fee of thirteen dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of thirteen dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; (B) a fee of two hundred dollars for each license issued; and (C) a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars

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for each license renewed; (17) with respect to surplus lines brokers: (A) An examination fee of ten dollars for each examination taken, except when a testing service is used, the testing service shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the commissioner for each examination taken by an applicant; and (B) a fee of five hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed; (18) with respect to fraternal agents, a fee of forty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (19) a fee of thirteen dollars for each license certificate requested, whether or not a license has been issued; (20) with respect to domestic and foreign benefit societies shall pay: (A) For service of process, twenty-five dollars for each person or insurer to be served; (B) for filing a certified copy of its charter or articles of association, five dollars; (C) for filing the annual report, ten dollars; and (D) for filing any additional paper required by law, three dollars; (21) with respect to foreign benefit societies: (A) For each certificate of organization or compliance, four dollars; (B) for each certified copy of permit, two dollars; and (C) for each copy of a report or certificate of condition of a society to be filed in any other state, four dollars; (22) with respect to reinsurance intermediaries: A fee of five hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed; (23) with respect to viatical settlement providers: (A) A filing fee of thirteen dollars for each initial application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-465a; and (B) a fee of twenty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (24) with respect to viatical settlement brokers: (A) A filing fee of thirteen dollars for each initial application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-465a; and (B) a fee of twenty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (25) with respect to viatical settlement investment agents: (A) A filing fee of thirteen dollars for each initial application for a license made pursuant to section 38a-465a; and (B) a fee of twenty dollars for each license issued or renewed; (26) with respect to preferred provider networks, a fee of two thousand five hundred dollars for each license issued or renewed; (27) with respect to rental companies, as defined in section 38a-799, a fee of forty dollars for each permit issued or renewed; (28) with respect to captive insurance companies, as defined in section 1 of this act, a fee of three hundred

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dollars for each license issued or renewed; and [(28)] (29) with respect 767 to each duplicate license issued a fee of twenty-five dollars for each 768 769 license issued.

This act sha	all take effect as follows	and shall amend the following
sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 4	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 5	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 6	October 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 7	October 1, 2005	New section
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Sec. 19	October 1, 2005	38a-11(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow captive insurers to be licensed and domiciled in this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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